*Breach in the Tovala Channel.*

132. *MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the extent of the breach in the Tovala Channel reported to have occurred on 30-1-1945 somewhere about its 10th mile ;

(*b*) how long will it take to repair the breach and allow water again for purposes of irrigation ;

(*c*) what is the area of the land the irrigation of which has now been cut off by this breach in the channel ;

(*d*) have they received any report from the authorities of the Engineer's Department regarding the breach ;

(*e*) if so, what was the cause of this breach as reported by them;

(*f*) is it due to any negligence on the part of any of the subordinates of the department ; and

(*g*)) if so, what action they have taken against them ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) About 50 ft. long, 20-ft. average width and 15 ft. height.

(*b*) Already repaired.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The main cause was an undetected hole.

(*f*) Yes. Partly.

(*g*) The Maistry and Watcher have been ordered to be placed under suspension pending detailed enquiry.

*Maintenance of Chavara-Sasthamcotta Road.*

133. *MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any provision in the budget for the maintenance of Chavara-Sasthamcotta road this year ;

(*b*) whether any tender has been called for this work ;

(*c*) whether any body has put in any petition that he would take up the work ;

(*d*) the reason for not placing the contract; and

(*e*) whether the department intends to take up the work this year ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Contract already arranged for.

(*e*) Yes. The work is already in progress.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED : Will the Chief Engineer take it from me that no investigations have been made in the matter ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I shall enquire.—

*Road from Vattiyurkavu to Perurkadai.*

134. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which the survey for a road from Vattiyurkavu to Perurkadai was completed ;



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[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai.]

(*b*) the length of the proposed road ; and

(*c*) the distance from Vattiyurkavau to Perurkadai by the existing roads ?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** (*a*) 1942 (1117 M. E.)

(*b*) 3045 feet.

(*c*) 1 mile 5 furlongs and 195 feet.

*Road from 'Kapil' to 'Edava'.*

135. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether all the lands necessary for the road from 'Kapil' to 'Edava' have been acquired and handed over to the P. W. D. ;

(*b*) whether work has been begun on this road ; and

(*c*) whether the work will be completed in 1120 as stated in answer to question No. 87 on 6-1-1120 ?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This cannot be said now.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** When was the work begun on that road ?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** It was begun somewhere about 1115. The land has only very recently been handed over.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** In answer to question (*b*) whether work has been begun on this road, it is stated 'No.' Why was not the work begun ?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** The land was only very recently been handed over. Other preliminaries have to be gone through.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** When was the land handed over ?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** About two or three months ago.

*Road from Aruvikara to Vellanad.*

136. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the question No. 222 on 13-1-1120, and the Chief Engineer's reply that "As far as this road is concerned it has been decided that it should be opened by the people" ;

(*a*) the reasons that led to this decision ; and

(*b*) the area in sq. miles that will be benefited by the construction of this road ?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** (*a*) As the road is of local importance only.

(*b*) About 3 sq. miles.

*Sale of food grains.*

137. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to sell outside Travancore some quantity of food grains now held as Government stock here, if so, the quantity to be sold and the reasons which led to thht decision ?

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